10. M/s. Delhi Stationery Association
11. M/s. Career Launchers
12. M/s. Organisation of Understanding and Fraternity
13. M/s. Career Launcher
14. Oriental Bank of Commerce
15. Indian Council for Cultural Relations.

(d) **Details of total number of members of the Library during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03**

Year	No. of members of the Library
2000-01	79
2001-02	148
2002-03	216

(e) **Library Membership Fee :**

(i) Student : Rs. 20/- per financial year

(ii) Other than Students : Rs. 200/- per financial year

(iii) Library Security : Rs. 2,500/- (Refundable)

Indo-Russian discussions on Iraq war

5027. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and Russia had discussions regarding Iraq war and its impact on the situation in Afghanistan and the anti-terror campaign in the region;

(b) if so, the points of discussions on these two important issues;

(c) whether there is a similarity of approach between the two countries; and

(d) if so, whether both the countries have agree to work together to impress the US to stop war against Iraq and start process of rebuilding of Iraq with full cooperation of Iraqi people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) Yes.

(b) During the sixth meeting of the Indo-Russian Joint Working Group on Afghanistan held on 28 March, 2003 in Moscow, the two sides discussed,

inter alia, the situation in Afghanistan and Iraq. The Minister of External Affairs and Mr. Igor Ivanov, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, have also spoken to each other over telephone twice on 23 March and 24 April, 2003. The Iraq war was also discussed in these two telephonic conversations. The two sides shared their views about the military action against Iraq and expressed concern at the humanitarian situation in Iraq. India and Russia share the view that the military action against Iraq should not weaken the resolve of the international community to fight terrorism in Afghanistan and in the region. Discussions on Afghanistan included the progress in implementation of Bonn Agreement of December 2001, and coordination of various international efforts aimed at rehabilitation and reconstruction. India and Russia also discussed the threats to regional peace and stability from terrorist activity in the region, and efforts aimed at strengthening international mechanisms to fight against international terrorism. They expressed serious concern over the escalation of subversive and terrorist activity by the Taliban and Al Qaida remnants and others in Afghanistan and their efforts to regroup with support from the outside.

(c) Yes.

(d) India's position on these issues is reflected in the Resolution adopted by the Parliament of India on 8 and 9 April, 2003.

Withdrawal of sanctions against civilian technology by U.S.A.

5028. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether American sanctions against India on civilian technology have been lifted;

(b) if so, whether this was possible by follow-up paperwork done by the Political Advisor to the Prime Minister during his visit to Washington in the month of December, 2002;

(c) if so, to what extent U.S. Government has finally cleared the US technology transfer to India; and

(d) to what extent it would be helpful to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) In September 2001, the United States had lifted all sanctions against India imposed after the nuclear tests in May 1998, including